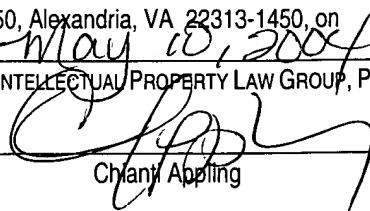




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In re application of:

**JOHN CLARK LAGARIAS**

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 10, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Notice of Appeal was filed with an appropriate petition for extension of time on December 10, 2003. Accordingly, the following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for four months; and
- 2) A Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.

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